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Current Activities of the former Kriminalrat
Johann SANITZER
KHX-4-23074, LEL-33 (July 1945), BRLX-3372 (KW-43787A) *Request traces*

1. There is some evidence, though inconclusive, that subject may be in the employ of the DER State Security Service. After a perusal of the attached interrogation report, I am struck by certain facets in his career which suggest why the Soviets may have taken an interest in his person:

a. He belongs to that small and very selective group of Amt IV w/ experts among whose major exploits ranks the EQUAL case.

b. He specialized in Russian cases. As you may recall, the members of the Sonderkommando Panzerits charged with the Paris end of EQUAL were never found and must be presumed in Soviet hands. In this connection, the theory that the SIS may have succeeded in a major penetration of IV 2b has been advanced.

2. I consider the question of subject's current occupation sufficiently important to warrant an investigation as to his whereabouts. In contacting former colleagues in the West (as he is alleged to have done) he is liable to concentrate on members of his inner circle, whose proficiency he can assess on the basis of personal observation. The names of the RSHA staff personnel assigned to IV 2b in Berlin are listed in Annex A of LEL-33. The personnel of IV 2 of the Stapo-Stelle Vienna can be found in paras 42-45, ibid.

3. We realize that it may be a time-consuming process to establish the present whereabouts of former IV 2 personnel. With the facilities of the German police Buchdienst at our disposal, however, it should not take too long to ascertain whether they are still in Germany. (I understand that Kriminalrat KOPFON resides in the U.S. Zone).

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